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In re Application of:

Antonia Jekkel et al.

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PRAVASTATIN BY MICROMONOSPORA

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Lilling, Herbert J.

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S CONVERSATION OF AUGUST 18, 2004.

I assure that deposits have been made under the terms of the Budapest Treaty and that all restrictions imposed by the depositor on the availability to the public of the deposited material, will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent.

Applicant submits that grounds for rejection by the Examiner have been overcome with submission of the attached receipts. Further, Applicant submits that all claims are now enabled.

On this basis, it is further submitted that allowance of this application is proper, and favorable action is solicited.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))

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No additional costs are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0943. If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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